



Year 9 and 10 Textiles



Year 9 and 10 Textiles class have been constructing soft toys using felt fabric. All students were given the same basic toy pattern to use. They were then set the challenge to modify this pattern and create a custom-made figure of their choosing. The finished items show some very innovative adaptations and creativity. Students used buttons, wool, stitching and other items to create faces and other decorative features.



A message from the Principal....

Year 7 2021 Transition Day

As a result of the easing of restrictions we are now able to hold our full transition day program for our incoming Year 7 students. This is fantastic news and we are all looking forward to welcoming these students into our school on **Tuesday December 8th** to show them around the school grounds and experience what secondary school is like. Students and families joining us for Year 7 next year will be receiving more information next week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

End of Year Activities

Mr Ellis has been busy planning some End of Year Activities for our Year 7-9 students. Families will have received notifications through the XUNO parent portal and permission slips with more information.

On Friday December 4th (next week) our Year 9 students will be participating in some team building games and swimming at the Ararat Outdoor Pool and Alexandra Gardens. All Year 7-9 students will head to Ballarat on Monday December 14th for Ten Pin Bowling and an afternoon at Xtreme Bounce. Lastly on Tuesday December 15th all students will attend a movie at the Astor Cinema in Ararat then head to the Ararat Outdoor Pool for the afternoon.

There are some costs associated with some of these activities, if this is a concern for you please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Presentation Evening

Our annual Presentation Evening, which is normally held at the Ararat Town Hall on the Tuesday of the last week of school, will move online this year. Whilst restrictions continue to ease and change we have had to make this decision earlier to commence preparations for this night. The presentation ceremony will be pre-recorded in Sub Schools (Junior, Middle and Senior) and then be sent to families via the XUNO parent portal and SMS for viewing. We look forward to being able to return to our face to face Presentation Evening in 2021. If parents have any feedback on this event from attending in the past and ideas that you think could be included in the night please email ellie.mcdougall@education.vic.gov.au. We will also be conducting a feedback process with Student Leadership next year regarding our Presentation Evening.

Finishing Dates

Students will finish their formal classes for the 2020 school year at 3:25pm on Tuesday December 15th. Wednesday December 16th, Thursday December 17th and Friday December 18th are School Council approved Curriculum Days this year. Historically these days have been made available for Student Counselling after reports are distributed on the Tuesday of the last week. This year staff will be using these days to prepare for what is going to be a jam packed 2021. This includes organisation of the Tutoring Program, Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy Strategy and Respectful Relationships. As always parents and students are welcome to contact the school or visit after reports are published to discuss their child's progress with teachers.

Parent Information Seminars for VCE and VCAL in 2021

I would like to remind parents and families of the information sessions we are running to support you in your journey as a parent or guardian of a student completing their VCAL or VCE certificate.

On **Wednesday December 2nd at 7pm** we will be offering two parent seminars. They will be virtual events, meaning you can attend in the comfort of your own home and they will go for 60 mins. One seminar is for parents of students commencing VCE in 2021 and the other for parents of students commencing VCAL in 2021.

The VCE seminar will be delivered by [Elevate Education](#) and aims to equip families with the information they need to create a supportive and environment for the needs that arise throughout the VCE program. Please click on the Elevate Education link above for more detail.

The VCAL seminar will include more detailed information regarding what the VCAL program offers as well as the expectations and various outcomes students need to meet to be successful and get the most out of their VCAL program.

If you are interested in either of these seminars please register your interest by clicking on the following link and complete the form <https://forms.gle/hvbeBkiwiQU8k1g76>.

Ellie McDougall
Principal

Duke Of Edinburgh Award

Next year, through the Ararat Police, students in year 10 are being offered the opportunity to be a part of the Duke of Edinburgh Program. Further details are available through the Duke of Ed website . Expressions of interest can be returned to the College Office.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2021 YEAR 10 STUDENTS – DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

SILVER AWARD (15 YEARS +)

Voluntary Service (6 months) – connecting with community e.g. youth, environment or charity work.

Physical Recreation (6 months) – improving your physical fitness & wellbeing through a team sport, individual pursuit or just getting active.

Skills (6 months) – broadening personal interests e.g. umpiring a sport, digital production, learning something new generally, non-physical in nature.

Adventurous Journey – (3 days & 2 nights) – discovering adventure or exploration e.g. bush walking, camping etc. Undertaken in a small group 4 – 7 people.



The Program is a very individualized program and entirely voluntary, each participant will have an Award Leader / Assessor / Mentor to help guide & choose their activities.

Award outcomes include; gaining & increasing confidence, resilience, determination, adaptability & creativity, leadership, planning & problem-solving skills.

****Participants who have not achieved a Bronze Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Physical Recreation, Skills or Voluntary Service.**

BY COMPLETING THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, YOU ARE NOT COMMITTING TO UNDERTAKE THE PROGRAM ONLY DETAILING YOUR INTEREST IN FINDING OUT MORE.

WWW.DUKEOFED.COM.AU

Name:

School:

Email:



Congratulations Liam

We would like to congratulate Liam Solomons who was successful in obtaining an Apprenticeship in Agriculture with a local Maroona Farmer. This is a great outcome for Liam who in Year 10 had no real idea of what he wanted to do. He had an interest in Agriculture, even though he had not had any experience or connection with the industry. We spoke about a program that was available to young people supported by Rotary clubs around Victoria and connected him to Rotarian Peter Oddie. From this Liam was successful in attending the Young Leaders Program "Defying the Drift". From there he enjoyed a Work Experience placement at Barton Station at Moyston and in his own words "I love it and I know now what I want to do!"

Liam enrolled in VCAL at Ararat College and Cert II in Agriculture delivered at Longerenong College, of which the SkillInvest staff thought very highly of him and his work. He consistently had Structured Work placement along the year and extra work on School holidays with a handful of farmers vying for his assistance. This speaks well of his work ethic and personable qualities.

While he is still in a little bit of shock with the opportunity that has come about, he certainly will prove to be successful in his field and we look forward to hearing more good news from him in the future years.

There is a great deal of opportunities out there for young people looking to enter a trade. Make sure you have the conversations with your young people and connect with us here at the College and we will be extremely happy to support your child into a desired career path like Liam.

Andrew Sherwell
Careers and VET Coordinator



Aerosol Cans are Banned!

Parents and students are reminded that aerosol cans of any description are **not permitted** at school. This also includes pump style spray bottles.

Aerosol or spray deodorant in particular, can cause asthma attacks and other allergic reactions.

Students may bring other types of antiperspirant products to school as required.



Hike for Higher Education 2021

Expression of interest

Year 10 Students of 2021

We are once again asking for expressions of interest for the 2021 Hike for Higher Education camp to Maria Island, Tasmania. This opportunity is available for Year 10 students in 2021 and at this stage it is scheduled to run in March. It aims to provide a group of regional youth an opportunity to travel and hike on one of Australia's most wonderful natural environments, to enhance the real-life experience that education/schools can provide and the benefits of cross relationships with fellow youth.

Secondary school students are given the opportunity to talk and interact with a diverse range of mentors and young people who have come from regional areas and have achieved success in their chosen careers. They will share their experiences of moving from secondary school into higher education. This opportunity allows our students some insight into university life and the different paths they are able to take to get there.

The camp involves a four day adventure to a beautiful island off the coast of Tasmania and includes two day hikes, boating and swimming in crystal clear water and opportunities for exciting new friendships and networks.

At this stage due to the pandemic we are moving cautiously with planning as Covid travel regulations and rules can change quickly.

If you are interested in applying for this amazing opportunity please download and complete the application form posted in XUNO SMT news and send through to Miss Tahni Skewes.



Year 9/10 Design Technology



Logan Interlandi - Mask



Angus Cavanagh - Toy truck



Alanna Robertson - Chopping Board

Students in Design Tech have made the most of their time back in the classroom producing a variety of items. Here are three examples of their creativity.

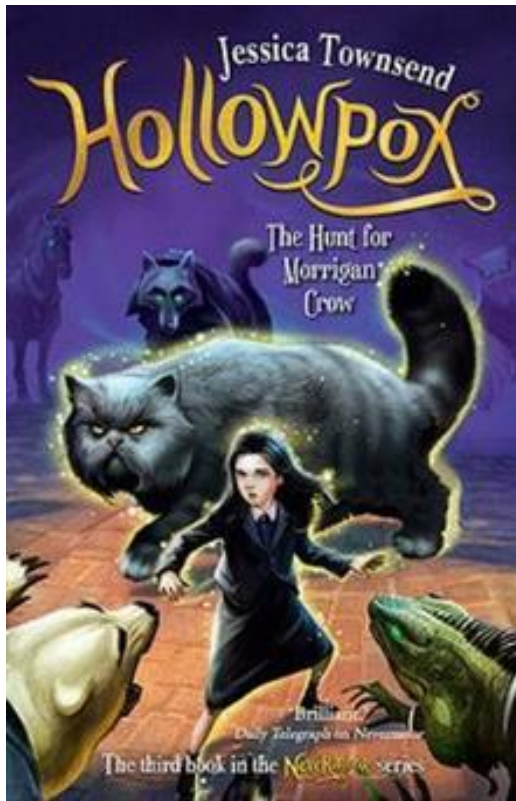
Hands on Learning



The Hands on Learning group have moved onto their next project within the school which is to rejuvenate the Food Technology garden. Regan Low, Josh Smith and Bailey Jensen have been weeding, mulching and removing an intrusive passion fruit vine. The intention is to also set up some wicking beds which are water efficient garden beds.

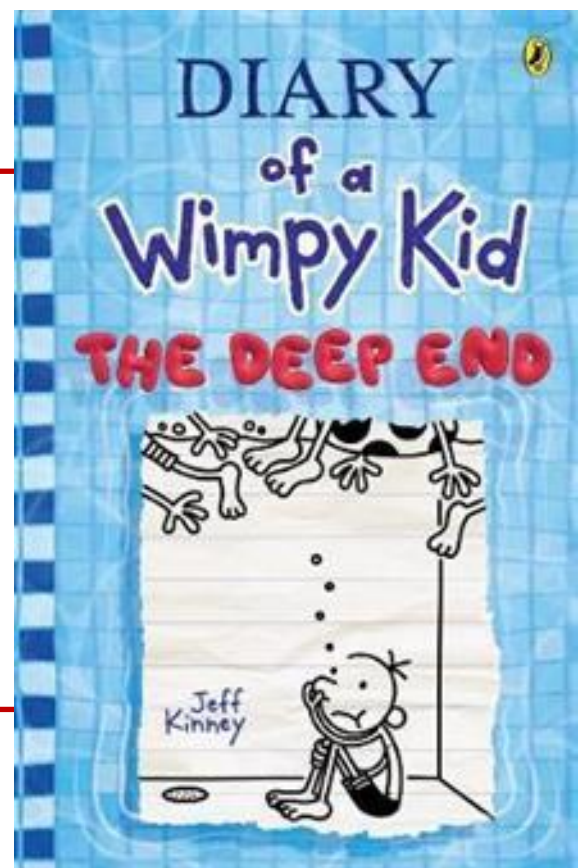


These new volumes of two popular series are
now available in the library.



Morrigan Crow and her friends have survived their first year as proud scholars of the elite Wondrous Society, helped bring down the nefarious Ghastly Market, and proven themselves loyal to Unit 919. Now Morrigan faces a new, exciting challenge: to master the mysterious Wretched Arts of the Accomplished Wundersmith, and control the power that threatens to consume her. But a strange illness has taken hold of Nevermoor, turning its peaceable Wunimals into mindless, viscous unnimals on the hunt. As victims of the Hollowpox multiply, panic spreads. And with the city she loves in a state of fear, Morrigan quickly realises it is up to her to find a cure for the Hollowpox, even if it will put her - and the rest of Nevermoor - in more danger than ever before ...

When Greg Heffley and his family hit the road for a cross country camping trip, they're ready for the adventure of a lifetime. But their plans hit a major snag, and they find themselves stranded at an RV park that's not exactly a summertime paradise. Things only get worse for the Heffleys when the skies open up and the water starts to rise, making them wonder if they can save their vacation - or if they're already in too deep.



Week 9	Monday	30	Step Up Program Year 11 & 12 2021 Week 2
December 2020			
	Tuesday	1	
	Wednesday	2	
	Thursday	3	
	Friday	4	
Week 10	Monday	7	
	Tuesday	8	State-wide Transition Day - Year 7 2021
	Wednesday	9	
	Thursday	10	
	Friday	11	
Week 11	Monday	14	Final School Reports for 2020
	Tuesday	15	Presentation Evening 2020 End of Year activities
	Wednesday	16	Student Counselling
	Thursday	17	Student Counselling
	Friday	18	Student Counselling

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

Ararat College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country throughout Victoria. We pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and emerging.